

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

Mayor Todd Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Todd Thompson, Council Members William Ehinger, Kim Ervans, Denise Lawrence, Chad Lucas, Timothy Schaiberger, Rusty Showalter

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager Tom Youatt, Clerk/Treasurer Jane Tennant, Police Chief Rodger Williams, and County Commissioner Bruce Reetz

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2014.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2014; WEST BRANCH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2014; DDA MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2014; FEBRUARY TREASURER’S REPORT; AND MARCH POLICE REPORT.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE BANNER APPLICATION FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2014 FROM THE WEST BRANCH CREATIVE ARTS & THE RIFLE RIVER QUILT GUILD.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE THE BANNER APPLICATION FOR AUGUST 24, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 FROM THE OGEMAW COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO GRANT A ONE TIME WATER/SEWER REDUCTION AT 506 W RIPLEY ST TO REFLECT A 13,000 GALLON USAGE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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Council received and filed the letter from the Michigan Township Participating Plan regarding Par Plan Member Representatives.

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS REQUEST FROM THE WEST BRANCH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL POPCORN DURING THE FABULOUS FRIDAY EVENTS IN 2014.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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Council Member Lawrence reported on the 911 Committee.

Council Member Schaiberger reported on the Hospital Board.

Manager Youatt reported that he will have a draft budget to the Council this week.

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SCHAIBERGER, SECOND BY THOMPSON, TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,704.39.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION #14-06

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council does hereby authorize the transfer of up to 25% of the Act 51 money from Major Street to Local Street.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 14-07

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the City of West Branch, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in

Standard Lighting Contract dated as of June 24, 1985, heretofore submitted to and considered by this Council; and

RESOLVED, further, that the West Branch Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the City.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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Ellen Mier, the City’s representative on the EDC, was present to request funding for the EDC. Council Member Showalter asked if surrounding Townships and the County were contributing. Ms. Mier stated that West Branch Township contributes \$10,000 and the County contributes \$5,000. She noted that other entities contribute as well and the amount varies. Jay Jacobs, EDC Board Member, stated that the utility companies give financial support to the EDC also.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO SUPPORT THE EDC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.

Yes – Ehinger, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – Ervans

Motion carried

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Council Members reviewed the proposed amended airport agreement. Mayor Thompson voiced his concern about the 70/30 County/City split on the expenses versus a 50/50 split. There was discussion and concern on the clause “If either the City or the County cannot provide their percentage of funds as requested by the Board, they shall inform the Board of the amount of funds they are able to provide”

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO TABLE THE AMENDED AIRPORT AGREEMENT.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the request for qualifications from Bay Area Housing (Bay City, MI) and Housing Consulting Services, LLC. (Prudenville, MI).

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO CONTRACT WITH BAY AREA HOUSING FOR THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE CITY'S HOUSING RESOURCE FUNDS.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the 2014 asphalt patchwork bids as follows:

1. Hodgins Asphalt Paving, Inc., West Branch	2" thick up to 250 sq ft	\$4.30/sq ft
	2" thick over 250 sq ft	\$2.90/sq ft
	3" thick up to 250 sq ft	\$4.85/sq ft
	3" thick over 250 sq ft	\$3.29/sq ft
2. Mid-Michigan Asphalt, West Branch	2" thick up to 250 sq ft	\$4.25/sq ft
	2" thick over 250 sq ft	\$2.80/sq ft
	3" thick up to 250 sq ft	\$5.00/sq ft
	3" thick over 250 sq ft	\$3.50/sq ft

MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO AWARD THE BID ON THE 2014 ASPHALT PATCHWORK TO HODGINS ASPHALT PAVING, INC. AS FOLLOWS:

2" thick up to 250 sq ft	\$4.30/sq ft	2" thick over 250 sq ft	\$2.90/sq ft
3" thick up to 250 sq ft	\$4.85/sq ft	3" thick over 250 sq ft	\$3.29/sq ft

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the 2014 seasonal mowing and trimming bids as follows:

1. Horizon Lawn Care & Landscaping, Prescott	\$50.00/lot
2. Jays Lawn Care, Bentley	\$40.00/lot
3. West Branch Greenhouse, West Branch	\$34.00/lot
4. GH Lawn Care & Landscaping, West Branch	\$25.00/lot

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO AWARD THE 2014 SEASONAL MOWING AND TRIMMING BID TO GH LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00/LOT.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Motion carried

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Commissioner Reetz reported on the jail, bills, work release program, EDC, and 911 surcharge.

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Julie Hart, Police Building Committee, was present to see what the status was of this project. She was informed that the Committee has not met yet.

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MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO ADJOURN AT 6:55 P.M.